of Rs. 1818.23 lakhs has been sanctioned as Central financial assistance for development of tourism in the State.

Height of Narmada Dam

1496. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent floods have revealed the inadequacy of Narmada Dam height in helping to harness flood water for better water utilisation;

(b) if so, what was the originally planned height of the dam and the reasons for reducing the height of the dam; and

(c) whether Government have been reconsidering to raise the dam height to that originally planned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The Sardar Sarovar (Narmada) Dam has been designed for one in thousand years' flood with an assumed discharge of 30.7 lakh cusecs (87,000 cumecs). Considering all the aspects, the Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal has fixed the Full Reservoir Level as 455 feet (Elevation Level 138.68m) for Sardar Sarovar Reservoir and construction of the dam is being done accordingly. The construction of the dam in various stages is *pari-passu* with the rehabilitation of project affected people.

(c) Does not arise.

Rain Water Harvesting Projects

†1497. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the number of ongoing rain water harvesting projects in the country with the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): Rain water harvesting projects have been undertaken/are being undertaken by various Ministries/Departments/Organisations of the Goverment of India, State

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Governments,/Union Territories, Non-Government Organisations, Voluntary Organisations, Resident Walfare Associations, Educational Institutions, Industries and individuals for whose benefit the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), a subordinate office of the Ministry of Water Resources, have organised mass awareness programmes and training courses throughout the country. However, no survey has been undertaken to find out the number of ongoing rain water harvesting projects in the country.

Vaipar River Linking Project

1498. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for the Vaipar River Linking Project is pending with Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have conducted detailed studies on the impact of such a project on the environment in the Southern Kerala;

(d) whether Government have considered the fact that most of the related areas in Kerala experience acute water shortage particularly in the summer season;

(e) if so, whether the project, if implemented would further accelerate the situation; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has prepared a feasibility report of transferring surplus water of Pamba and Achankovil situated in Kerala to Vaippar river basin in Tamil Nadu in 1995. In view of the Resolution dated 6.8.2003 adopted unanimously by the Kerala Legislative Assembly urging the Central Government to give up the Pamba-Achankovil-Vaippar Link Project completely, the Ministry of Water Resources has decided not to treat Pamba-Achankovil-Vaippar link as a priority link for consensus building purpose.

(c) No such detailed study has been conducted by NWDA.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.